me for environmental orientation to school education has been taken up since 1988-89 to promote the integration of educational programmes with the local environment. Besides, assistance is also provided under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on "Wildlife Education and Interpretation" to various State Governments for conducting conservation awareness programmes including those for the children.

(c) The programme is being implemented in all the States.

(d) During the last three years, an amount of Rs. 991 lakhs has been given to various institutions in different States under the above schemes. A significant step-up in the outlay for the Eighth Five Year Plan is expected.

Plan for development of telecommunications in the country

336. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have chalked out a plan for development of telecommunications in the country by 2000 A.D.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the World Bank has also been approached in this matter; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when the plan is likely to be implemented?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAI PARKASH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Department has drawn up a draft Perspective Plan 1990-2000 A.D. with the following major objectives:

—Increasing availability to a level of 200 lakh telephone connections by 2000 A.D. to provide telephone connections on demand.

—Providing telephone facility in each village.

—Arranging highway telephone facility with the spacing of 10 Kms.

—Extending national subscriber dialling facility to all telephone exchanges.

Fulfillment of the above objectives, however, depends upon the availability of resources.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) By 2000 A.D.

Indo-Pak talks

337. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indo-Pak talks have been held recently;

(b) if so, the issues that figured in the talks; and

(c) the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA). (a) to (c) Pursuant to the meeting of the Prime Ministers of India and Pakistan in Maldives, the Foreign Secretaries of the two countries met in Islamabad from 18 to 20 December, 1990. They agreed, *inter alia* to resume discussions on the boundary in the Sir Crook Area and on the Tulbul Navigation Project, and to convene the Sub Commissions of the India-Pakistan Joint Commission at an appropriate time.

As a follow-up, the Instruments of Ratification of the Agreement on the Prohibition of Attack against Nuclear Installations and Facilities were exchanged on 27th January, 1991. Regular weekly telephonic contact was also established between the Directors General of Military Operations of the two countries.

The Foreign Secretaries will meet again at mutually convenient dates. This would be preceded by a meeting of the experts to finalise an Agreement on Prevention of Airspace Violation by Military Aircraft and an Agreement on Advance Notice of Military Exeercises and Maneuvres.